

Week Ending November 30, 1997

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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 3.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending November 30, 1997. The main farming activities for the week were harvesting soybeans, planting wheat and feeding cattle. Soil moisture conditions were rated 1 percent short, 57 percent adequate and 42 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	1996	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Cotton	Harvested	99	97	100	99	--	--	--	--	--
Soybeans	Harvested	97	94	100	96	--	--	--	--	--
Wheat	Planted	95	89	100	96	0	7	21	70	2
	Emerged	89	79	96	90					
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	98	95	100	100	--	--	--	--	--
Pecans	Harvested	57	51	61	67	1	9	10	78	2
Cattle						0	7	26	55	12

County Agent Comments

"Producers are trying to complete soybean harvest. Only a small amount of unharvested acres remain in the fields."

— Melvin Oatis, Benton County

"Humid, wet conditions are slowing down completion of soybean harvest. We need several more days of dry weather to reduce the moisture level in soybeans."

— Ronald L. Jones, Marshall County

"Soybean harvest continues between rains. Muddy conditions are slowing the process. Soybeans are still yielding in the 30-40 bushel range."

— Stanley Wise, Alcorn County

"The main farm activities for last week were cutting cotton stalks and feeding cattle. Ryegrass fields are still looking good and are in excellent condition."

— Otis L. Davis, Madison County

"Cattlemen are feeding hay and supplements to the cattle. Ryegrass is growing well."

— Ed Williams, Oktibbeha County

"Ryegrass needs a few days of sunshine to really begin to grow. Some producers are still planting some late grass for spring grazing. Hay, which is plentiful, is being fed to cattle."

— Victor Lee, Newton County

"Weekly rains and warm sunny days have ryegrass pastures growing rapidly."

— Brad Horton, Marion County

"Wet conditions have stalled completion of row crop harvest."

— Tim W. Pepper, Yazoo County

"Harvest is virtually complete. If weather permits, some scrapping of cotton may take place. Current rainfall has caused winter grazing and wheat to really grow."

— David Roberts, Monroe County

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Weather Summary from November 24, 1997 to November 30, 1997 for Mississippi

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
1. Upper Delta Clarksdale Cleveland Tunica Extreme/Average													
2. North-Central Holly Springs	69	27	53	47	+6	0.05	-1.70	1	1.52	60	41	52	
Memphis	70	33	57	49	+8	0.02	-1.26	1	1.61				
Oxford	70	29	54	48	+6	0.16	-1.66	2	1.16				
Extreme/Average	70	27	55	48	+7	0.08	-1.54	1	1.43	60	41	52	
3. Northeast Booneville	71	31	52	48	+4	0.15	-1.68	2	1.48				
Corinth	73	28	55	49	+7	0.07	-1.59	2	1.44				
Iuka	70	26	48			0.51		2	1.79				
Pontotoc	71	28	53	50	+3	0.44	-1.08	1	1.58	62	43	54	0.08
Tupelo	70	30	54	50	+4	0.29	-0.99	4	1.33				
Verona	72	31	53			0.49		3	1.63	61	44	53	0.07
Extreme/Average	73	26	53	49	+3	0.33	-1.24	2	1.54	62	43	53	0.07
4. Lower Delta Belzoni													
Greenwood	74	31	57	51	+6	1.74	+0.33	3	2.41				
Rolling Fork	77	31	57			1.86	+0.38	1	3.02	71	51	60	
Stoneville													
Yazoo City													
Extreme/Average	77	31	57	51	+6	1.80	+0.35	2	2.72	71	51	60	
5. Central Carthage	75	32	52	52	0	1.68	+0.13	1	3.61				
Jackson	74	33	57	53	+4	1.35	-0.23	2	3.29				
Winona						1.25	-0.27	1	1.63				
Extreme/Average	75	32	55	53	+2	1.52	-0.05	2	3.45				
6. East-Central Brooksville						1.18	-0.26	1	3.30				
Columbus	73	32	57			1.46		3	3.14				
State University	80	37	63	51	+12	0.10	-1.18	1	1.59	58	42	53	
Extreme/Average	80	32	60	51	+9	0.91	-0.45	2	2.68	58	42	53	
7. Southwest Crystal Springs	71	37	58			1.70		1	4.40	69	47	60	
Natchez	77	35	60	57	+3	2.15	+0.46	1	3.93				
Oakley													
Vicksburg													
Extreme/Average	77	35	59	57	+2	1.93	+0.24	1	4.17	69	47	60	
8. South-Central Columbia	76	35	57	56	+1	1.07	-0.48	2	4.67				
McComb	77	37	58	55	+4	2.28	+0.86	2	6.92				
Extreme/Average	77	35	58	55	+3	1.68	+0.19	2	5.80				
9. Southeast Beaumont													
Hattiesburg	78	34	60	55	+5	1.94	+0.29	2	6.02				
Laurel													
Meridian	74	31	55	53	+2	0.93	-0.36	2	2.55				
Newton	74	30	56	52	+4	1.40	+0.11	2	3.10	61	40	52	0.07
Extreme/Average	78	30	57	54	+4	1.42	+0.01	2	3.89	61	40	52	0.07
10. Coastal Bay St Louis	75	34	57			5.57		3	9.12				
Biloxi	73	43	60			3.19		2	7.11				
Gulfport													
Pascagoula	71	37	57	60	-3	2.11	+1.07	2	6.91				
Poplarville													
Extreme/Average	75	34	58	60	-2	3.62	+2.58	2	7.71				
State	80	26	57	53	+4	1.48	+0.01	2	3.71	71	40	55	0.07

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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